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News Release

WEYMOUTH MAN INDICTED ON FRAUDULENT DOCUMENT CHARGES

BOSTON—A Weymouth man was charged late yesterday in federal court on fraudulent document charges.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan and Matthew J. Etre, acting special agent-in-charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in New England, announced the Manuel Rosa, a Brazilian citizen living in Weymouth, was charged in a two-count indictment with transferring fraudulent documents.

The indictment alleges that on April 21, 2005, and May 10, 2005, Rosa knowingly transferred Social Security cards and resident alien cards, or "green cards," knowing that those cards were stolen or forged.

If convicted, Rosa faces up to 15 years' imprisonment, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine. Additionally, upon completion of any prison sentence imposed by the court, Rosa faces deportation to his native Brazil.

The case was investigated by ICE. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney S. Waqar Hasib in Sullivan's Major Crimes Unit.

The allegations contained in the indictment are allegations. The defendant is presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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